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Green Aruba Conference Keynote Speaker Jose Maria Figueres Carbon War Room confirms commitment to Aruba's oil independent future

The first two Aruba Green Energy Conferences welcomed keynote speakers of world renown: Vice-President Al Gore and HRH Prince of Orange Willem-Alexander. The name of this year's speaker, Jose Maria Figueres, former President of Costa Rica (1994-1998) and now President of the Carbon War Room may not be as familiar to the man on the street. His address, however, was one of the most exciting of all, because he not only



Jose Maria Figueres, President of the Carbon War Room

discussed the world situation regarding climate change, but suggested the solutions that would directly impact Aruba. His words and affirmation of commitment by the Carbon War Room to see Aruba oil independent by 2020, electrified the audience. As phrased by Co-Moderator Lisa de Lannoy, "We will all leave here with our batteries charged."

Preceding Mr. Figueres, Aruba's next generation of leaders voiced their concerns with Aruba's current direction. Esther Gomez and Tyson Lopez, students at the University of Aruba, presented their case. Esther complimented Aruba's government for their vision for the future, but questioned if

they have really provided understanding and inclusion for all citizens at all levels of society. Tyson expressed his excitement and support for the program, but pointed out that island youth must be included in the equation for this mission to be truly successful. The message is that the entire island needs to "move together as one."

Esther quoted Aruba's Prime Minister Eman "If you want to go quickly, go alone; if you want to go far: go together." Tyson mentioned a salient point "Only when the last tree has died, the last river has been poisoned and the last fish been caught, will we realize we cannot eat money."

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Capriles, Chavez vow to accept outcome of Venezuela's election



Capriles (L), Chavez (R), casting their votes

CARACAS (AFP) - date Henrique Capriles voted Venezuelan opposition candidate Sunday in an upper-class

neighborhood of Caracas, where he vowed to "respect the will of the people" in his race against President Hugo Chavez.

"I will respect the will of the people today," the 40-year-old former state governor told reporters after voting.

"What the people say today is sacred to me. The participants in this process accept the rules," he said. "The first person I will call after learning the results will be the president of the republic."

Capriles, has given Chavez the toughest campaign in almost 14 years in power.

Chavez voted moments earlier in the 23 de Enero (January 23) slum, a bastion of support for the leftist leader.

The president, who has accused the opposition of plotting to reject the results if he wins, said he would also accept the outcome of the vote.

Polling stations were scheduled to close at 6:00 pm (2230 GMT) but people will be allowed to vote as long as there are lines.

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Minister de Meza, Jose Maria Figueres and PM Eman



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Mr. Figueres, who led a nation which has achieved 97% oil independence and sustainability, is well qualified to speak on the subject.



Moderator Ed Cheung with Mr. Figueres

He expressed his delight at the multi-stakeholder presence and participation in the Green Aruba Conference, as "it does take a multi stakeholder platform to move the sustainability agenda."

He took a moment to "zoom out" and examine the world situation. After 15 years of economic prosperity for not only established technologically based western economies, but also emerging nations such as India and China, there was unprecedented manifestation of a global middle class. This unfortunately ended in 2008, and nations are trying to "spend their way out" of these financial setbacks, creating "huge government deficits," with recovery still not realized. Unemployment figures continue to rise. "Countries had to come in to rescue the banks and the markets that were largely responsible for creating the situation. Now the markets are short-selling the countries and putting them in financial difficulties."

Figueres expressed his concerns for the next generation, and their opportunities for gainful and intellectually rewarding employment. "In a world like the one we have today, with the economic



Aruba's University students: Tyson Lopez (L) and Esther Gomez

wherewithal we have been able to put forward and the technological advancements that are known, it is not just, it is not ethical, and it is not correct that we are standing on the verge of losing an entire generation because we are not able to provide them with proper jobs...where they can begin to create their own well being and contribute back to society."

The plan for Aruba to establish alternative technologies is particular pertinent at present, with the closing of the refinery. 500 employees, many with advanced techni-



cal training and no where else on the island to apply their skills, would tangibly benefit from this policy.

This is part of the vision of the Carbon War Room. Making the world and industry aware that the technologies exist for nations to be oil independent, and these technologies will generate jobs and profit. They will also preserve important resources, water, food, forests and wildlife, if societies will only switch gears and embrace the possibilities.

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Impediments such as lobbyists slowing down policy and legislature, and confusing debate about the reality of climate change continues despite overwhelming evidence and scientific consensus. A small nation such as Aruba, with an administration solidly committed to the necessary action, has the power to set an example for the rest of the world of the economic wisdom of oil independence.

Figueres explained that reducing carbon emissions on a gigaton level will require enormous change in those nations mass producing CO₂. However, if it can be proven on a small scale that an island such as Aruba can convert to a nearly zero carbon footprint, this can then be expanded to larger nations and globally, Aruba will become an example for the world to follow. In this ambition, the island has the solid commitment of the Carbon War Room, and the international entrepreneurs which comprise the consortium, such as founder Richard Branson.

Private enterprise has the means and the energy to enact steps and finance industries which will viably reduce carbon emissions. The need for action is immediate.

"Two wars need to be fought and won," Figueres told the gathering. "One: against inequality...the other...the war against climate change. Happily, both wars can be won with the same set of instruments, which is migrating our present style of development towards a low carbon economy. That, as the way forward... begins to allow us to zoom in to our work and responsibilities here in Aruba. Shifting to a low carbon economy requires at least three ingredients: the "buy-in" from all of us, as the students talked about...two, governments with vision... with true vision of what the transformation to a low carbon economy means in terms of opportunities, to create jobs, better employment, investment, reinvent business models, and to just live much better, all around."

A surprise visit via Skype with Richard Branson was the final exclamation point to Mr. Figueres' address, where the Carbon War Room founder also affirmed their commitment. Branson was communicating from somewhere in far northern Canada. He expressed to those present and Prime Minister Eman his sincere regrets that he could not attend the conference. "But I am delighted to send this message to all of you ... When we stood together in Rio, we announced our commitment to transition your beautiful island of Aruba off fossil fuels by 2020. It is an incredible goal, hopefully we are not talking ahead of ourselves, but we are determined to get to it."

"For Aruba to achieve this goal...to lead the way for other island states, and the rest of the world, it will be only by coming together, a really great team and entrepreneurial minds, working to find the right technologies, the right solutions, and that will open up the pathway to change...Addressing that

change can mean great opportunities for economic growth, job creation, the environment, and, of course for the social well being of the Aruban people.

"The Caribbean is very close to my heart," Branson continued. "I am very excited that Aruba, led by your pioneering prime minister, is set to stride into the future with aspirations for change. It can, and will, create opportunities across the whole region and the planet...All of us at The Carbon War Room look forward to rolling up our sleeves and forging ahead with you on this incredible journey that will excite and spark and demonstrate for the rest of the world: together we can, and will, solve the climate crises. In doing so, we will open up a great sea of economic opportunity for our generation and future generations. So let's get to work, or as I believe you say in Aruba, "Ban traha hunto" (Let's work together)"

By Rosalie Klein

'Taken 2' tops North American box office on debut

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Liam Neeson's return as ex-CIA agent Bryan Mills in "Taken 2" easily topped the North American box office on its opening weekend, industry estimates showed Sunday.

The film, whose prequel relaunched Neeson as a Hollywood action star four years ago, took in a healthy \$50 million between Friday and Sunday, said movie tracker Exhibitor Relations.

The plot in "Taken 2" sees Mills kidnapped in Istanbul by the family of the Albanian gangsters who he killed when searching for his daughter, played by Maggie Grace, in "Taken." This time round, Grace searches for Mills.

2. "Hotel Transylvania," taking in \$26.3 million -- down from the top spot one week ago; 3. "Pitch Perfect," with \$14.7 million in takings, according to the estimates; 4. with \$12.2 million, was "Looper,"; 5. "Frankenweenie," Tim Burton's latest effort, which earned \$11.5 million.

Hot nights were even hotter with the Caribbean Sea Jazz Fest 2012



Grounds were packed as music lovers clamored to see music legends Chakka Khan and Oscar de Leon finish out nights full of fantastic concerts under the stars.

One of the most refreshing surprises of the festival was the new group Kuenta I Tambù, inspired by traditional Afro-Caribbean rhythms from Curaçao and European dance. The group has created a truly new sound. Some call it Global Bass, others prefer

Exceptionally low winds and high humidity didn't dampen spirits or the energy on stage as dozens of performers gave their best to audiences at the most successful Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival yet.

labeling it Tambutronic, but it is uniquely their own, and had the audience mesmerized.

The first night ended with Chakka Khan telling the au-

dience "I feel for you, I think I love you." The ten-time Grammy winner led them through a blast from the past. She asked if they wanted to travel back to the Eighties, to which she received a resounding "Yes!" Audiences had to agree, she truly was "every woman."

The second night was a treat for Latin/Jazz lovers with Oscar de Leon closing out the CSJF 2012. The midnight concert moved an island that has a particular affinity for the genre. The



weekend spotlights great

local and emerging talent, as well as being a showcase for jazz legends.

This year, the festival's traditional art show featured an intriguing collection put together by Curators on the Go, Michiko Takatsu and Eduardo Valbuena. This year, instead of being on display for only two days, the exposition will continue at the Westin Gallery in Palm Beach for the remainder of the month.

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Solar Panel project initiated at Airport



Shortly after his arrival at the airport, where he was received and welcomed by the

Aruba Prime Minister and the Counsel of Costa Rica Cecilia Arends-Vries, Dr,

Jose Maria Figueres joined a group of other dignitaries for the unveiling of the Solar Park project on the parking lot of Aruba's Airport. Here, in a small ceremony they signed the contract and unveiled a huge billboard marking the initiation of the Solar Panel Park to be built on the premises of the parking lot of the Airport.

Director of ELMAR NV Mr. Henriquez, spoke to the audience and briefly explained the nature of the PPP (Public Private Partnership) which encompasses this particular project. Reportedly, the solar panels to be constructed at the airport will generate 3.3 megawatts which will be able to power 1500 homes on an annual basis.

The Prime Minister expressed words of satisfaction for this another project in the direction of making Aruba totally fossil fuel free and energy independent by the year 2020. It is expected that very soon this project will get going now that the contract has been signed!

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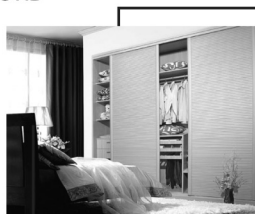
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Philippines, Muslim rebels agree to peace plan



PHILIPPINES, Manila : Philippines President Benigno Aquino (L) shakes hands with Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Secretary Tere-sita Quintos-Deles (R) at the Malacanang Palace in Manila

MANILA (AFP) - The Philippine government and the country's biggest Muslim rebel group announced Sunday they had agreed a deal to end a decades-long separatist insurgency that has killed more than 150,000 people.

The agreement would see the establishment of a new semi-autonomous Muslim area in the resource-rich southern Philippine region of Mindanao, which the 12,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front regards as its ancestral homeland.

"This framework agreement paves the way for a final and enduring peace in Mindanao," President Benigno Aquino said in a nationally televised address.

"It brings all former secessionist groups into the fold. No longer does the Moro Islamic Liberation Front aspire for a separate state."

The MILF hailed the breakthrough, which was achieved in the latest round of peace talks in Malaysia

that ended on Saturday, as the "beginning of peace".

"We are happy and we thank the president for this," MILF vice chairman for political affairs Ghazali Jaafar told AFP by phone from his base in Mindanao.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called the agreement "a testament to the commitment of all sides for a peaceful resolution" to the conflict.

"The next steps will be to ensure that the framework agreement is fully implemented," she said in a statement.

The Philippine government and the MILF said they were aiming to reach a final peace deal before the president's term ends in the middle of 2016. But they also pointed to major obstacles to be overcome.

Catholic leaders gather to counter decline of faith

VATICAN CITY (AFP) - Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday opened a meeting of Roman Catholic Church leaders from around the world to debate how to counter rising secularism on the 50th anniversary of the momentous Second Vatican Council.

The synod of 262 archbishops, bishops and other senior clerics heard a call from the pope for a "new evangelism" for the Catholic Church, which is fast losing followers in Europe and feels increasingly discriminated against in many parts of the

Aquino said a final agreement would have to be approved by a plebiscite.

Such approval is not certain in the mainly Catholic country. A planned peace deal during the term of previous president Gloria Arroyo crumbled in 2008 at the final moment amid intense domestic opposition.

Ghazali also emphasised the agreement reached over the weekend was just a "road map", and said there had been no deal yet on significant issues such as the extent of the territory to be included in the new semi-autonomous region.

There are roughly four million Muslims in Mindanao. They see it as their ancestral homeland dating back to Islamic sultanates established before Spanish Christians arrived in the 1500s.

Muslim rebel groups have been fighting for independence or autonomy in Mindanao since the early 1970s.

world.

The three-week synod coincides with the announcement on October 11 of a "Year of Faith" to mark the anniversary of the start of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), which changed the face of Catholicism.

The 85-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church, who was an expert at the Council known as "Vatican II" and one of its most reformist voices, has made the new evangelism a centrepiece of his papacy since being elected in 2005.

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Nationwide municipal elections under way in Brazil

SAO PAULO (AFP) - Brazilians trooped to the polls Sunday to vote in nationwide municipal elections seen as a key test of the ruling Workers Party's popularity ahead of the 2014 presidential elections.

The election is taking place under the shadow of a major corruption trial embroiling ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's Workers Party (PT).

Some 139 million voters are registered to elect 5,561 mayors and 48,000 municipal councilors for four-year terms among 450,000 candidates representing more than 20 political parties.

In cities of more than 200,000 people, a second round is scheduled for October 28 if no candidate secures

an absolute majority.

Speaking in the southern city of Porto Alegre, President Dilma Rousseff, a former urban guerrilla who succeeded her mentor Lula in early 2011, hailed the peaceful conduct of the vote, which she described as a "huge festival".

In the 2008 polls, the PT won in 558 municipalities, the centrist PMDB party triumphed in 1,207 and the opposition Brazilian Social Democratic Party (PSDB) took 788.

Analysts expect the PT to do much better in this election, particularly in Brazil's north and northeast, despite the ongoing trial involving a congressional vote-buying scheme that unleashed the country's biggest graft scandal in 20 years.

International News

Obama team steps up attacks on 'dishonest' Romney

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama's campaign intensified attacks Sunday on Mitt Romney's honesty as it tried to halt the Republican challenger's momentum after a strong first debate performance.

Romney's people hit back, and did so sarcastically, depicting Obama's people as childish sore losers after he came across as flat, nervous and unassertive during their first face-to-face encounter in Denver, Colorado.

As both sides gear up for a debate this week between the vice presidential candidates, the race for the November 6 election has degenerated into a testy back-and-forth over who advocates what and how the other side spins it.

Romney's ideas for rejuvenating a listless economy by getting more money into consumers' wallets and purses include a package of tax cuts that the Obama side says, citing a non-partisan think tank, would amount to \$5 trillion over the next 10 years.

At the debate, Obama mentioned the package several times, and that big number. Romney essentially said he did not know what the president was talking about,

and insisted any tax cuts he enacted would be offset by closing tax loopholes and ending deductions, so the effect on the deficit would be nil.

Robert Gibbs, a senior Obama strategist, conceded that the former Massachusetts governor did very well at the debate in Denver.

"But the underpinnings and foundations of that performance were fundamentally dishonest," Gibbs said on the ABC program "This Week."

"If you're willing to say anything to get elected president, if you are willing to make up your positions and walk away from them, I think the American people have to understand, how can they trust you if you are elected president?", Gibbs said.

Obama's campaign for re-election did get some good news last week, with word that a 2012-campaign record \$181 million in donations poured into its war chest in September and the jobless rate fell from 8.1 percent to 7.8 percent.

Romney will come in for further scrutiny on Monday when he gives a major address on foreign policy, an area seen as his weak point and Obama's forte.

Syria, Turkey border fire as clashes rage

ALEPPO, Syria (AFP) - Syrian mortar fire again struck a Turkish border village on Sunday, prompting artillery retaliation for the fourth day as fierce fighting rocked the key city of Aleppo and rebels lost ground in Damascus.

The Syrian mortar round struck hit Akcakale -- site of a similar strike on Wednesday -- as Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said President Bashar al-Assad should be replaced by Vice President Faruq al-Shara.

The mortar round hit the grounds of a public building without causing casualties, Turkey's NTV news channel reported, adding that the building had been evacuated beforehand. On Wednesday five civilians were killed in Akcakale in a mortar strike that provoked counter-fire, in the most serious incident since Syrian anti-aircraft fire brought down a Turkish warplane in June. That incident caused a spike in tensions between the former allies and renewed fears of a broader conflict. Turkey's parliament on Thursday gave the government the green light to use military force against Syria if necessary.



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At-odds Netanyahu and Barak 'agree' on Iran, US

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Ehud Barak have "agreed" on fighting the Iranian threat in all its forms and on managing ties with the United States, a joint statement said.

The defence minister had reportedly expressed views that conflicted with the prime minister's over the Iran nuclear issue during a recent visit to the United States, which favours sanctions and diplomacy over military action.

"The prime minister and the defence minister agreed on the fight against the Iranian threat in all its forms as well as on the management of relations with the United States under the leadership of the prime minister," said the statement, published by Barak's office late on Saturday.

Israeli media reported that Netanyahu was angry over a recent meeting between Barak and Chicago city mayor Rahm Emmanuel, a former chief of staff to US President Barack Obama.

During the meeting Barak disagreed with Netanyahu's demand that a "clear red line" be set for Iran by the United States over Tehran's disputed nuclear programme, according to the reports.

This demand by Netanyahu has raised tensions between Israel and the United States as Obama favours diplomacy and international sanctions against Iran to rein in its atomic programme.

Netanyahu has publicly aired his differences with the Obama administration over the Iran issue, criticising Washington for failing to set its own "red lines" that would trigger military action against Tehran.

Libyan assembly rejects cabinet, dismisses PM

TRIPOLI (AFP) - Libyan premier Mustafa Abu Shagur was dismissed on Sunday after the General National Congress rejected his proposed "crisis" cabinet of just 10 ministers, days after his first line-up was also turned down.

The embattled Abu Shagur, who had been given 72 hours to come up with a new cabinet, was relieved of his duties and the GNC will have to elect a new prime minister within the next three to four weeks.

Before he had even put forward his second cabinet list in just four days, a motion of no confidence in Abu Shagur was signed by 126 assembly members. That was rejected by the GNC president. Under GNC rules, the assembly will now elect a new premier.



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Health & Living

Abortion could tip US election outcome in Virginia



SPRINGFIELD (AFP) - As is the case across the United States, the economy is the dominant concern for voters in Virginia, but here abortion is such a hot issue that it could tip the balance on election day.

Capturing the mid-Atlantic state is a top priority for both President Barack Obama and his rival Mitt Romney, given that the incumbent won it in 2008 after almost 50 years of

Republican dominance in the White House stakes.

But Virginia is a flashpoint in America's heated abortion debate, after the Republican-controlled state legislature made it mandatory earlier this year for women seeking an abortion to first undergo an ultrasound examination.

Abortion has been a highly emotional topic in Virginia, with the pro-choice camp ac-

cusing pro-lifers of waging what they call "a war on women."

Romney once supported abortion, but is now opposed in cases not involving rape or incest. His running mate Paul Ryan is more emphatic -- he rejects abortion for any reason.

Virginia has come to the forefront of the debate thanks to a number of laws and regulations on the state level which, critics say, are intended to make it harder to get an abortion.

One such law, requiring abortion seekers to undergo an ultrasound, has been branded humiliating and useless by its critics, while earning Governor Bob McDonnell, a Republican, the nickname "Governor Ultrasound."

University of Virginia political analyst Geoffrey Skelley said that "while abortion is not a key issue in this election, abortion within the context of women's rights seems to be a relatively important issue in Virginia."

NARAL Pro-Choice America has launched a voter registration drive in Virginia in a bid to get as many pro-choice supporters to the ballot box on election day.

"We are targeting historically under-represented women -- racial minorities, single mothers and low-income women -- in order to make sure that women's voices are heard on November 6," said NARAL activist Alena Yarmosky.

On the other side of the argument, the political action group Women Speak Out has earmarked \$500,000 for television ads in three states, including Virginia, to denounce what it calls Obama's "extreme abortion record."

British health minister backs 12-week abortion limit

LONDON (AFP) - British Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt supports halving the legal limit for abortions from 24 weeks of pregnancy to 12, he said in an interview.

Prime Minister David Cameron said there were no plans to change the law after Hunt's comments drew a furious reaction from health campaigners on the eve of the Conservative party's annual conference.

Hunt, who was only appointed in a cabinet reshuffle last month, told The Times newspaper he had reached his decision based on evidence and not religious belief.

"Everyone looks at the evidence and comes to a view about when that moment is and my own view is that 12 weeks is the right point for it,"

he added.

Cameron said Hunt was entitled to his opinion but he did not share the minister's views.

Cameron said he favoured a "modest reduction" from the current limit of 24 weeks.

Any move to reduce the legal limit for abortion would prove highly controversial but Hunt is now the second cabinet minister in a week to argue for lowering the limit.

Nearly 190,000 terminations were carried out last year in Britain and Department of Health figures show that 91 percent of these were carried out before 12 weeks.

Pro-choice campaigners have warned that a 12-week limit would prevent testing for conditions such as Down's Syndrome.



PARIS : People take part in Odyssea, a 5 km charity race aimed at collecting funds in support of breast cancer research, on October 7, 2012 in Paris.

AFP PHOTO



A reading list for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

It's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and what better way to raise your own awareness than by sampling one of the many new books on the topic?

Whether you're looking for information about prevention, seeking the best treatment method for yourself or a family member or simply seeking a little inspiration, there's a title that suits your needs. Here's a roundup of some notable titles hitting bookstores and websites near you.

- "The Mayo Clinic Breast Cancer Book," medical editors Dr. Lynn C. Hartmann and Dr. Charles L. Loprinzi
 - "The Breast Cancer Survival Manual," by Dr. John Link
 - "The Breast Cancer Checklist," by Fern Reiss
 - "The Dog Lived (and So Will I)," by Teresa J. Rhyne
 - "Living through Breast Cancer with Faith, Hope, and Laughter," by Laura Jensen Walker
 - "Fix-it and Forget-it Pink Cookbook," by Phyllis Pellman
- In Breast Cancer Awareness Month, campaigners want to reinforce the importance to educate yourself!



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Foxconn denies strike at China plant

BEIJING(AFP) - Electronics parts giant Foxconn denied reports that thousands of workers went on strike at one of its plants in central China and halted production of components for Apple's iPhone 5.

The Taiwan-based company acknowledged in a statement that two isolated labour disputes erupted at its plant in Zhengzhou on October 1 and 2, but said they were immediately addressed and that production of the iconic phones continued.

Foxconn was responding to a report by the New York-based China Labour Watch that said between 3,000 and 4,000 workers went on strike on Friday over increased product quality levels and demands that workers work through a national holiday.

The disputes marked the latest unrest to hit Foxconn, whose factories in China have been beset by a string of worker suicides in recent years, and follows a massive brawl at one facility last month.

The China Labour Watch, citing workers at the plant, said the work stoppage resulted in "a state of paralysis" to multiple iPhone 5 production lines.

Foxconn is the world's largest maker of computer components and assembles products for Apple, Sony, Intel and Nokia, among others.

Its vast plants in China employ up to 1.2 million workers, with nearly half of them at a sprawling complex in Shenzhen, in the south of the country.

Last month, around 5,000 police were deployed to control a huge brawl among workers at a Foxconn plant in the northern city of Taiyuan, where 79,000 people make items including electronic components for automobiles and consumer products.

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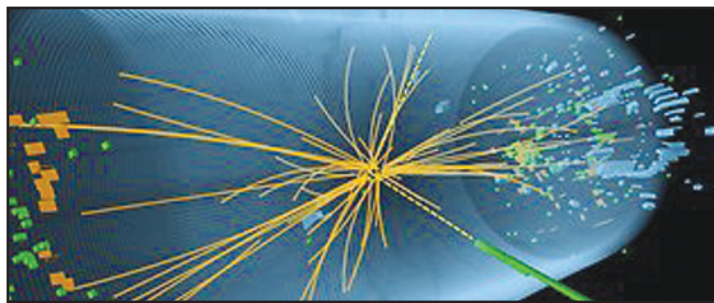
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'God particle' discovery poses Nobel dilemma



PARIS (AFP) - On July 4, scientists announced they had discovered a new particle that may be the fabled Higgs boson, an exploit that would rank as the greatest achievement in physics in more than half a century.

But they also created a headache for the jury that will decide tomorrow Nobel Prize for Physics.

Historic though it is, does the announcement deserve the

award? And if so, who should get it?

The breakthrough at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) touches on the agonising quest to find the "God particle," so called for being everywhere and elusive at the same time.

Named after British physicist Peter Higgs, the boson is a key to our concept of matter, as it could explain why particles have mass. Without the

October Sky Alight With Shooting Stars

--Since yesterday observers can expect to see anywhere from 10 to 20 meteors per hour late nights for two to three nights, however its worth keeping your eyes on the

heavens for possible surprises. Historically Draconids have been known to peak to hundreds or even thousands of meteors per hour.

While unlikely and rare--these massive upticks in meteor numbers can occur when Earth slams into an uncharted but particularly dense part of the meteor stream left behind by the parent comet. Just last year skywatchers in Europe counted upwards of 600 meteors per hour during peak time!

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Higgs, the Universe as we know it would simply not exist, according to the theory.

But whether the July 4 fireworks will unlock the great prize is unclear.

"It's a big discovery. That's all I'm going to say," Lars Brink, a member of the Nobel committee for physics, told AFP.

Some Nobel-watchers are cautious, given that the new particle has not yet been officially sealed as the Higgs.

Scientists are almost certain it is the coveted beast, for they found it at a range of mass that fits with their calculations.

Yet they still need to confirm this, which means further work to see how it behaves and reacts with other particles. Indeed, there is a remote possibility that the new particle is not the Higgs, although this would be an even more groundbreaking announcement.

As Higgs himself readily admits, vital contributions to the theoretical groundwork were made by others.

In fact, six physicists, each

building on the work of others, published a flurry of papers on aspects of the theory within four months of each other back in 1964.

The first were Belgians Robert Brout, who died last year, and Francois Englert.

This was followed by Higgs, who was the first to say only a new particle would explain the anomalies of mass.

Then came a trio of Americans Dick Hagen and Gerry Guralnik and Briton Tom Kibble.

A further complication is that thousands of physicists worked in the two labs at CERN's Large Hadron Collider near Geneva where Higgs experiments were conducted independently of each other.

So the question is whether the jury considers July's announcement to be sufficient even if the boson's Higgsishness remains unconfirmed.

Then it must decide whether theoreticians or experimentalists -- or both -- should get the glory.

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18. "Would you like to see my etchings" et al.
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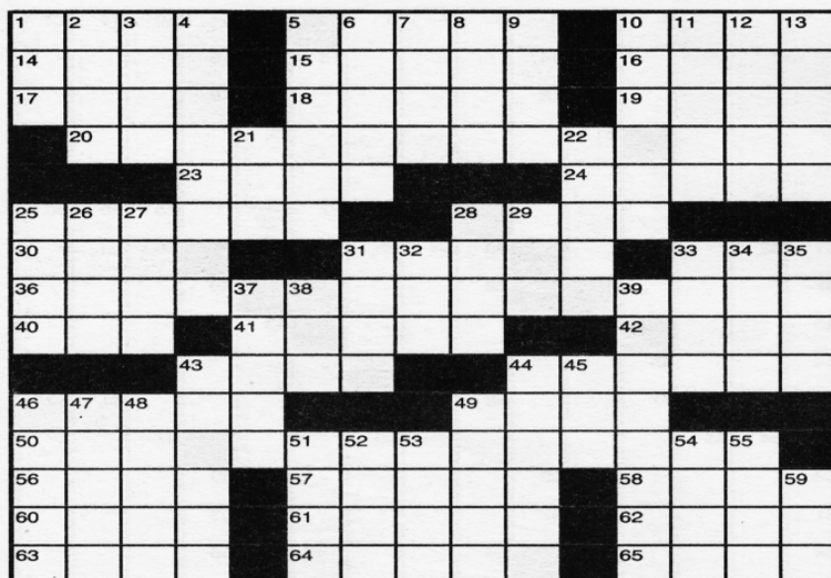
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44. Move haltingly
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49. "____ Island" (Sutherland film)
50. Hodgepodge
56. Fifi's friends
57. He awarded the golden apple to Aphrodite

58. Manner of running
60. Artemis's mother by Zeus
61. Repent
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63. Wise ____ owl
64. Holography illuminator
65. Prince William's alma mater

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5. Burke of "The Wizard of Oz"
6. Operatic highlights
7. High bell sound

8. Pip
9. Astronauts' gp.
10. Element measured in curies
11. Amigo's farewell
12. French department
13. "____ of pottage"
21. Long way off
22. Have confidence
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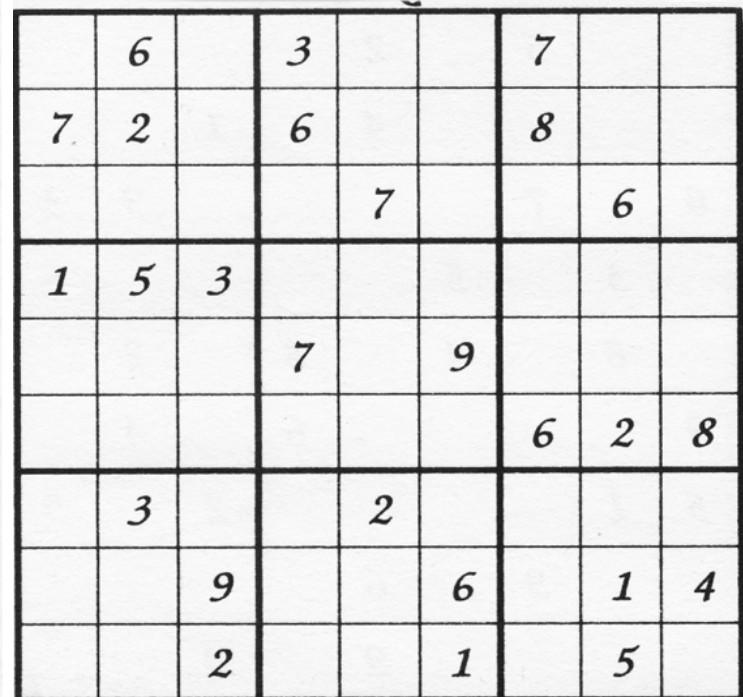
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UK warns it could veto EADS-BAE merger

LONDON (AFP) - Defence Minister Philip Hammond warned on Sunday Britain could use its "golden share" to block a planned merger between EADS and BAE unless France and Germany agree to limit their stakes in the future company.

With time running out before the October 10 deadline for detailing the deal, talks have stalled over the influence each state will have in potentially the world's largest aerospace and arms group.

"We have made very clear that we do have red lines around the BAE-EADS merger and that if they can't be satisfied, then we will use our special share to veto the deal," Hammond told BBC Radio.

"It is not necessary to have no French or German interest in the company. It is necessary to reduce that stake below the level at which it can control or direct the way the company acts."

The merger would create an aerospace and defence giant with access to virtually all the world's markets, dwarfing even the US firm Boeing.

But Britain, Germany and

France must approve the transaction in view of its strategic implications.

According to a source close to EADS, Germany has reached an agreement with its two partners to acquire a nine percent stake in the future firm, the same level as France, but halted talks while demanding the EADS headquarters be housed there.

Hammond later said that the headquarters of the defence arm must be located in London.

Another source close to the talks said discussions were at an impasse because Paris was refusing to commit in writing that it would not seek to acquire more than a nine percent stake. France currently has a 15 percent stake in EADS.

Britain has said it would be satisfied with a "golden share" proposed by the three governments that would prevent any party from gaining more than 15 percent in the future company.

Britain is worried the United States might reject the future company if any one country possesses more than nine percent of the capital, a source close to EADS said.

Minister says jobs being saved as France braces for strikes

PARIS (AFP) - France's industry ministry has assisted 119 struggling firms since the new Socialist government came to power in May, helping save some 15,000 jobs, a minister said Sunday.

Still, the ministry was unable to prevent another 4,850 jobs from disappearing, Industrial Renewal Minister Arnaud Montebourg said on French television, pointing to an economy that remains "very damaged".

His comments came two days before planned nationwide strikes and demonstrations.

France's powerful CGT trade union has called for widespread stoppages "in defence of jobs and industry", the first action of its kind since Francois Hollande's Socialist party took power.

Honda to recall 268,000 SUVs in US: report

TOKYO (AFP) - Honda will recall some 268,000 CR-V sport utility vehicles sold in the United States due to the risk of power window switches catching fire in case of water penetration, a report said Sunday.

The Japanese automaker will collect and repair free of charge CR-V vehicles produced between 2002 and 2006, although there have

Abu Dhabi's Etihad's Q3 revenues up 19%

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Abu Dhabi's carrier, Etihad Airways, said Sunday it posted a 19 percent increase in revenues in the third quarter of 2012, but it remained tight-lipped on profit.

The government-owned airline said its revenues in the three-month period hit \$1.3 billion, 19 percent up from \$1.1 billion registered in the corresponding period last year.

The rise reflected a 23 percent surge in passenger numbers to 2.79 million travellers, said Etihad in a statement, adding that passenger numbers were on track to exceed the 10 million milestone this year.

Etihad, however, did not disclose its profit, saying only that it was "confident of full year profitability despite challenging global economic environment."

Etihad in February announced for the first time since its launch in 2003 that it exceeded its target of breaking even, posting a net profit of \$14 million in 2011.

Last month, Etihad's chief James Hogan said his company was projecting \$5 billion in revenues in 2012, up from \$4.1 billion last year, and hoped to sustain profitability.

The carrier operates a fleet of 67 aircraft with an average age of 4.9 years, and has many on order.

It is competing with major fast-growing Gulf carriers, Emirates of Dubai and Qatar Airways, as the three airlines vie to strengthen their share of traffic between Europe, Asia and Australia.

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Novartis chief sees sales dip until mid-2013

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis said Sunday the expiry of a US patent for its leading hypertension drug Diovan caused a drop in turnover that could last into the first half of 2013.

The fall in sales of the company's best-selling drug was "significant" in the United States since the end of September, when the patent ended, Novartis chief executive Joseph Jimenez told Swiss weekly SonntagsZeitung.

Sales of competing generic equivalents to the Novartis drug already caused a \$2-billion (1.5-billion-euro) drop in demand for Diovan, which registered sales of \$6 billion in a single year, the report added.

Rejecting the need for a fresh swathe of layoffs to counter the expected downturn in the next three quarters, Jimenez said he planned to pursue a series of smaller measures instead.

The Basel-based company already cut 2,000 positions in late 2011, mainly in Switzerland and the US, and announced in January 2012 it was further downsizing its American operation by shedding another 1,630 positions.

Jimenez also said in the interview that the group had reviewed its range of products and expected a major rise in sales in the second half of 2013.

The patent for Diovan expired in Europe at the end of last year for Novartis, which employs around 100,000

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Tim Burton recalls dark childhood in 'Frankenweenie'



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Black and white, old-fashioned stop-motion animation but in 3D: cinema's past and future combine in Tim Burton's "Frankenweenie," which the Gothic filmmaker says was inspired by his childhood.

His first animated feature since 2005's "Corpse Bride," the movie tells the story of a boy who brings his cherished

dog back to life, only to open a Pandora's box of terrifying back-from-the-dead monsters.

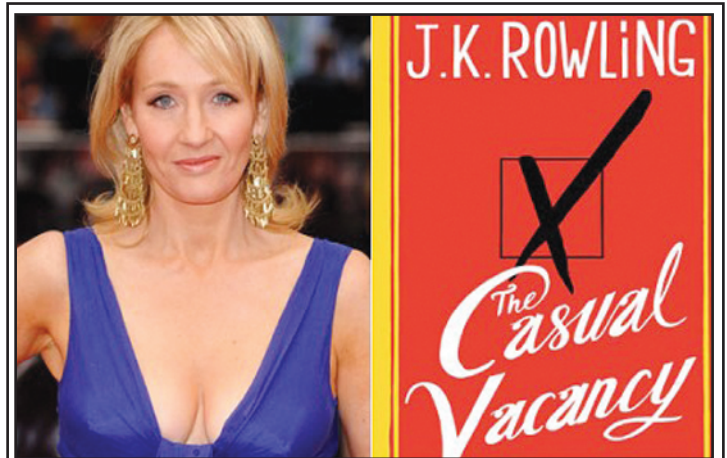
The movie, out this weekend in the United States, is based on a short film of the same name which Burton made for Disney in 1984 -- but which was never released because it was deemed too frightening for children.

Almost three decades later,

having made his name in Hollywood with hits including "Alice in Wonderland" -- which has earned over \$1 billion worldwide -- the quirky director was given carte blanche to remake his early work.

While Burton's 1984 short told the story with real actors and actresses, the new version uses stop-motion animation techniques -- where objects are moved in small increments between individual frames.

"As the years went on .. I started going back to other memories about that time, remembering other kids at school, the weirdness of the way kids are, and the new teachers, and other monster movies," Burton said.



PARIS (AFP) - The new novel for adults by Harry Potter creator J.K. Rowling has become a bestseller in France despite lukewarm reviews here and abroad. Despite the lack of the same enthusiasm that accompanied the release of the Harry Potter books, sales picked up quickly, propelling "The Casual Vacancy" to the number one spot on the Ipsos/Livre Hebdo bestseller list. "The Casual Vacancy," with its dark plot that features drug addiction and domestic violence, "follows in the footsteps of Charles Dickens" but reaches too far, reviewer Thierry Gandillot wrote in the Les Echos newspaper.

Dutch city puts its jobless back to work

ROTTERDAM (AFP) - For years The Netherlands has had the reputation of being a generous welfare state, but in some cities like Rotterdam this is changing: the jobless are now put to work to earn their keep.

In one of the city's old neighbourhoods, Jose da Cruz is cleaning the street as part of an innovative scheme that demands eight hours of cleaning a week in return for a wage from his new "boss" -- the Rotterdam municipality.

In exchange for picking up the rubbish, the unemployed like Da Cruz -- who have reached the end of obligatory Dutch state-funded unemployment benefits -- get benefits from the municipality and are trained to go job-hunting.

"If you need the help, the community will help -- but you have to do something in return," Rotterdam's deputy mayor Marco Florijn told AFP.

Called "Werk Loont" (work pays), the programme lasts 15 weeks and those who enter it spend 20 hours a week doing

homework and taking job-hunting classes at Werk Loont's offices, situated a few blocks from Rotterdam's famous port in the city's south-east, in addition to cleaning the streets.

The unmarried earn 830 euros (around \$1,000) a month, while those with families get 1,200 euros. In return, Da Cruz and others have to put in the hours to help to keep the city clean.

The programme serves a dual purpose.

Apart from keeping the unemployed busy, it also weeds out cheaters who claimed unemployment benefits from Rotterdam while moonlighting in second undeclared jobs on the black market.

So far this year around 3,100 people have passed through the Werk Loont programme.

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The idea of a sweet treat being good for you is contrary to everything we are being told today, but Milly did her homework before establishing her gelato and sorbetto factory on the second floor. Her recipes come from a respected gelato house in Italy, where they have been producing the refreshing, low or no fat product since the 1800's. She continues the tradition of using only fresh fruit juices and natural extracts to as flavoring.

fluffy naturally, producing a satisfying treat drastically lower in fat, sugar and calories than traditional ice cream.

Unique flavors found nowhere else are a revelation. For a delightful surprise and pure refreshment, sample the grapefruit, passion fruit or carrot sorbetto; the rich, dark, sugar-free chocolate gelato is absolutely sinful, without the guilty conscience! They also have a unique collection of yogurt gelatos swirled with fresh fruit sorbetto in delightful combinations.

Lecca Lecca offers an attractive lunch menu including quiche made with only fresh vegetables, and sandwiches on crusty bread they prepare in their own bakery. Indulge in the soup of the day for a

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There are absolutely no artificial colorants or preservatives in the gelato and sorbetto, which is produced fresh daily; leftovers at the end of the day are donated to children's homes Casa Cuna or Imeldahoff. They have over 60 flavors on their roster with 18 available at the shop each day, including at least one sugar-free and one-gluten free for those with special dietary needs. All the gelato is made from organic milk flown in from Italy, guaranteed free of steroids and antibiotics. Lecca Lecca pasteurizes the milk in their factory, to be sure there are no chemicals used in the process. The end product is whipped light and



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Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service,

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SPORTS

Cricket: Windies stun Sri Lanka to grab T20 title



COLOMBO (AFP) - Darren Sammy's West Indies were crowned the new World Twenty20 champions on Sunday after a 36-run victory over hosts Sri Lanka in a dramatic final in Colombo.

The West Indies, restricted to 137-6 after electing to bat, hit back to bowl Sri Lanka out for 101 and silence a sell-out crowd of 35,000 at the Premadasa stadium that included

President Mahinda Rajapakse.

It was the first world title for the West Indies since the 50-over World Cup triumph under Clive Lloyd in 1979, and handed Sri Lanka their fourth defeat in a major final since 2007.

After resigning Sri Lanka's Twenty20 captain Jayawardene said it was tough to lose before the home crowd, but wanted his team to learn from

the mistakes and prepare for the future. He also insisted it had nothing to do with the 36-run defeat.

Jayawardene, 35, will however continue as a player in the shortest format and will also lead in both Test and one-day cricket.

The accomplished batsman has scored 1,224 runs in 44 Twenty20 internationals at a strike rate of 133.77 per 100 balls.

The first world title for the West Indies since the 50-over World Cup triumph in 1979 also handed Sri Lanka their fourth defeat in a major final since 2007.

Sri Lanka have now lost two successive 50-over World Cup finals in 2007 and 2011 and two World Twenty20 finals in 2009 and 2012.

Meanwhile West Indies captain Darren Sammy hailed Sunday's World Twenty20 triumph, their first world title in 33 years, as the start of a new golden chapter for Caribbean cricket.

This is just the start, we will go far," Sammy said, after the 36-run victory over Sri Lanka in a dramatic final in Colombo.

Sammy said people back home will celebrate the win wildly because they had craved for years for a success like this.

"From Jamaica to Guyana the party must have started," he said. "And I tell you we know how to party. I am sure they will need a lot of bartenders out there tonight."

Sammy showered praise on middle-order batsman Marlon Samuels, who engineered the victory with a superb 78 off 56 balls that included six sixes and three boundaries.

Gaza gripped by Clasico fever despite boycott call



BARCELONA (AFP) - Palestinians in Gaza packed into coffee shops on Sunday to watch Barcelona play Real Madrid despite a call to boycott the game because an Israeli soldier was invited to attend.

At the Omda Cafe on Gaza City's seafont, dozens of men and boys filled rows of chairs set up on a lawn, many sporting gelled coifs worthy of their footballer heroes.

Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo both scored twice as Barcelona and Real Madrid drew 2-2 in a politically-charged Clasico which kept the Catalan giants eight points ahead of their bitter rivals.

Ronaldo put Madrid ahead after 23 minutes but Messi responded just after the half hour mark with Barca having shown little going forward.

The 98,000 capacity crowd of vociferous Catalans glimpsed the possibility of going 11 points clear after Messi struck a free-kick to put them ahead after the break but Ronaldo responded five minutes later.

In the dying stages, Barca had the chance to win it with Martin Montoya hitting the woodwork.

On a tense night at Camp Nou, fans created a mosaic of the Catalan flag, "The Senyera", in a clear demonstration of the nationalist fervour in the

region where many want independence from Spain.

Despite their impressive winning streak, which had yielded six victories in the opening six La Liga matches, Barca have lacked their usual silky passing and their hesitation was made worse by a lack of confidence in their defence.

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Athletics: Ethiopians Kebede, Baysa in Chicago double



Thousands of people run in the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

CHICAGO (AFP) - Tsegaye Kebede became the first Ethiopian man to win the Chicago Marathon by capturing Sunday's 35th edition in a

course record, with compatriot Atsede Baysa taking the women's title by a stride.

Kebede surged in the final mile to win in 2hr 04min 38sec and defeat countryman Feyisa Lilesa by 14 seconds, with Tilahun Regassa third in 2:05:26 on his marathon debut to complete an Ethiopian men's podium sweep.

Kebede's victory snapped a run of consecutive Chicago victories by Kenyan men at nine.

The former men's course mark was 2:05:37 last year by Kenyan Moses Mosop.

In a women's duel in doubt until the last second, Ethiopia's Baysa edged Kenya's Rita Jep-too, the 2006 Boston Marathon winner, at the finish line.

Baysa was given an official time of 2:22:03, a personal best by one second, with Jep-too second at 2:22:04 and Kenya's Lucy Kabuu third, 38 seconds adrift.

Each champion received \$100,000 for the victory, while Kebede took an extra \$50,000 for setting a course record and Baysa won a \$10,000 bonus for her time.

Liliya Shobukhova failed in her bid for a fourth Chicago Marathon title in a row, the 34-

year-old Russian settling for fourth, 56 seconds off the pace.

Russia's Maria Konovolova led early and Shobukhova was in front at halfway but the lead pack began to surge after 20 miles and Shobukhova fell off the pace.

Shobukhova was unable to finish the London Olympic marathon because of stomach cramps and has been nagged by hamstring injuries this year, but won the 2011 event in 2:18:20.

Kebede, third at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, moved to the front of the lead pack after 30 kilometers and by the 35km mark he was out with Regassa and Lilesa, who was third at last year's world championships.

Once Regassa slowed in the 23rd mile, it was a two-man show.

Both leaders ran under 2:05:00 for the first time in their careers, but 2010 Chicago runner-up Kebede pulled away from Lilesa in the last half mile for the victory.

Kenya's Sammy Kitwara was fourth, with countryman Wesley Korir, last year's Chicago runner-up and this year's Boston Marathon champion, in fifth.

NFL: Falcons knock out RGIII



Photo : Tight end Tony Gonzalez #88 of the Atlanta Falcons catches a pass for a touchdown past linebacker Lorenzo Alexander #97 of the Washington Redskins - Falcons running back Michael Turner slammed into the end zone from 13 yards out to propel the Falcons to a 24-17 win over the Washington Redskins on Sunday at FedEx Field. The Falcons improved to 5-0 for the first time in franchise history. The Falcons also started off the season 4-0 in 2004 and 1986. The team has never opened a regular-season with a 5-0 mark since starting play in the NFL in 1966. Cornerback Dunta Robinson and safety Thomas DeCoud helped to seal the win an interceptions as Washington rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III was knocked out of the game. The Redskins dropped to 2-3 on the season.

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Baseball: Tigers edge A's to reach brink of playoff win

DETROIT (AFP) - Detroit's Don Kelly hit a sacrifice fly to score Omar Infante with the winning run as the Tigers beat Oakland 5-4 on Sunday to seize command of their Major League Baseball play-

off series.

The Tigers took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five American League matchup with game three on Tuesday in Oakland. The series winner will face either Baltimore or the New

York Yankees to decide a berth in the World Series final.

Australian right-handed relief pitcher Grant Balfour, who retired the last 26 batters he faced in the regular sea-



Don Kelly #32 of the Detroit Tigers celebrates with teammates after he hit the game-winning RBI sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning

son, entered for Oakland in the ninth inning to face the best Detroit batters with the game deadlocked at 4-4.

With one out, Infante singled and reached third base on a Miguel Cabrera single. The A's then decided to intentionally walk star slugger Prince Fielder, setting up an inning-ending double play possibility.

Instead, Kelly smacked a long sacrifice fly out to right field. Once the ball was grabbed, Infante tagged up and raced home with the winning run.

"It's unbelievable," Kelly said. "I was just trying to get a pitch to hit. It was a great opportunity."

By taking advantage, the Tigers are on the brink of advancing to the American League championship series.

"To go up 2-0 in front of our home fans is huge," Kelly said. "It's easier to win one out west than to have to win two."

Oakland took a 2-1 lead in the seventh inning when Seth Smith walked, reached second base on a sacrifice bunt and scored on a single up the middle by Cliff Pennington.

But the Tigers jumped ahead 3-2 in the seventh after singles from Austin Jackson and Infante and a fielding blunder by Oakland center-fielder Coco Crisp.

Crisp tried a basket-style catch as he ran toward a fly ball hit by Cabrera, but the ball popped out of his glove and into the air.

The ball fell into the fingertips of Crisp's glove but squirted out of his grasp as he tried to close his glove

around it, falling to the ground and allowing Jackson and Infante to score to give the Tigers the lead.

The A's reclaimed the lead at 4-3 in the eighth inning after a wild pitch by Detroit relief pitcher Joaquin Benoit allowed Yoenis Cespedes to score from third base and Josh Reddick followed with a solo homer to rightfield.

But the Tigers equalized at 4-4 when they came to bat in the eighth when a wild pitch by Oakland reliever Ryan Cook allowed Kelly to score from third, setting the stage for Kelly's heroics in the ninth.

Oakland opened the scoring in the third inning when Cespedes singled in a run. Brandon Ross followed with a single to rightfield but Crisp was tagged out after a throw to home plate, keeping the A's to a 1-0 lead.

The Tigers answered later in the third inning thanks to Cabrera, who won the first batting 'Triple Crown' since 1967 by sweeping this year's batting average, runs batted in and home run titles.

Cabrera doubled, advanced to third on a Fielder single and scored on a ground out to first base by Delmon Young to pull Detroit level at 1-1.

When 25-year-old left-hander Tommy Milone took the mound for Oakland, the A's became the first club in major league history to start rookie pitchers in the opening two games of a playoff series.

Jarrod Parker, one of 12 rookies on Oakland's playoff roster, took the loss in game one.

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